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This responds to the Office Communication dated October 6, 2006 in which Applicant was requested to file a statement of the substance of the interview conducted on September 29, 2006 in the above-referenced application by the deadline of November 6, 2006.

The undersigned telephoned the examiner on September 29, 2006 to discuss the Office Action dated August 29, 2006. In that Office Action, the examiner stated

"the arguments are not persuasive, the hemostatic material of the Lentz reference is capable of treating hemorrhage conditions. The current claims [50 and 52-56] lack enough structural and functional language to overcome the prior art of record"

The undersigned identified a problem with the rejection of independent claim 50 in that such claim did not recite any "hemostatic material," which was indicated to be the basis for maintaining the rejection of the pending claims.

The examiner acknowledged that claim 50 did not recite any hemostatic material, and agreed to re-evaluate the rejection the pending claims 50 and 52-56 over the cited art.

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